GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S. – F.D.- Disciplinary action against Sri J. Hari Babu, ACF(Retd), formerly DFO, Krishna Division – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Article of Charge issued – Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer appointed – Findings received – Imposing a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year – Show-Cause-Notice issued – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 15 Dated: 09-02-2018
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF. Rc. No.28082/2013/Vig-3, dt:22.8.2014.
2. G.M. No. 5080/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt. 10.03.2015 and 25.02.2016.
3. From the PCCF Lr. Ref.No. 28082/2013/A&DC-2, dt. 28.04.2016 and 4.8.2016.
4. G.M. No. 5080/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt. 22.12.2016.
5. From the PCCF Lr. Rc. No. 28082/2013/A&DC-2, dt. 28.11.2017.
6. Govt. Lr. No. 5080/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt. 13.12.2017.
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 37/DC&C/2018, dt.24.01.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd) formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division vide PCCF's Ref. No. 48398/2012/P.1, dt.14.2.2013, on the following count:

Article: **"That he has permitted for shifting of a Saw mill from Kapavaram(V) to Vattigudipadu(V) within a distance of 5-Kms from Vattigudipadu RF, in violation to Rule (3) of AP Saw Mills(Regulation) Rules 1969".**

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged Article of Charge on 26-02-2013 and submitted explanation dated 04-03-2013. Not satisfied with the explanation, the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry and the Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna were appointed as the Inquiry Officer and the Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry vide PCCFs Rc.No.48398/2012/P1(i)(ii), dt.18.03.2013.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide CCF, Rjy, Ref.No.1626/2012/M8, dt.30.01.2014, wherein he has held the charge proved and observed that:-

> The Deliquent officer failed to cross-check the information furnished by the i/c Forest Range Officer, Nuzividu with records of RF blocks available in the division office. As a result a wrong/irregular decision was taken by higher authorities based on misleading report of the Deliquent Officer. This could have been avoided, had the Deliquent Officer been careful at the time of submission of his report recommending shifting of the said Saw Mill from East Godavari to Vattigudipadu (V) of Krishna District. The Delinquent Officer is simply throwing responsibility either on

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subordinates or on superior officers in his defense statement dated 04.03.2013. The Delinquent Officer has issued cancellation orders on 23.7.2011 i.e only after the Vigilance & Enforcement inspection on 7.7.2011 and not based on his own inspection as claimed by him.

4. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCFs Rc.No.28082/2013/K3, dt.14.02.2014. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 14-04-2014, wherein he did not submit any new points.

5. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of one year on the charged officer, Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (retd) former Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests vide reference 5th read above, has informed that the Charged Officer did not submit his further defense till to date.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the punishment of 1% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year against the retired Charged Officer Sri J. Hari Babu, ACF(Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The G.A. (V&E) Department (with reference to Vigilance Report No.19, C. No. 519/V&E/NR2/2011, dt. 11.4.2012)
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, (with ref. to Lr.No.37/DC&C/2018, dt.24.01.2018).
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SECTION OFFICER